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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

SUMMARY: HAK ARRIVES ASWAN. REMAINS OPTIMISTIC SAYING
BOTH SIDES WANT AGREEMENT.

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1. UPI, ASWAN: HAK SAID WEDNESDAY HE WAS CONFIDENT ISRAEL
AND EGYPT WANT AN AGREEMENT ON A NEW MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT
IN SINAI DESERT. BUT BOTH ISRAEL & EGYPT CAUTIONED THAT
THEY WERE STILL FAR APART ON DETAILS.

HAK EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ABOARD HIS JET WHILE FLYING FROM
TEL AVIV TO ASWAN TO PRESENT ISRAEL'S POSITION TO EGYPTIAN
PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT WEDNESDAY NIGHT. HE WAS EMBRACED
WARMLY AT ASWAN BY FM FAHMY BEFORE SADAT MEETING.

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ONE WARNING OF DIFFICULTIES AHEAD CAME FROM ISRAELI FM ALLON AFTER A NIGHT OF TALKS WITH HAK IN JERUSALEM: "WE ALL FEEL WE ARE LABORING IN A VERY CRUCIAL PERIOD IN WHICH AGREEMENT MAY OR MAY NOT BE REACHED."

ALLON SAID HE AND HAK DID NOT RUN INTO ANY UNEXPECTED DIFFICULTIES BUT AN ISRAELI GOVT SOURCE CAUTIONED THAT "THE GAP BETWEEN POSITIONS STILL REMAINS WIDE" AND "ANYONE WHO EXPRESSES HIGH HOPES IS MISTAKEN."...

"A DECLARATION OF NON-BELLIGERENCY NOW, WHEN THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO GUARANTEE OF A FINAL AND TOTAL SETTLEMENT, CAN COME ONLY OVER OUR DEAD BODIES."

HAK SAID EGYPT COULD SHOW ITS "ORIENTATION TOWARD PEACE" BY PROMISING TO REOPEN SUEZ CANAL, LETTING NON-ISRAELI SHIPS CARRY ISRAELI CARGO THRU WATERWAY AND DEMILITARIZING AREAS GIVEN UP BY ISRAEL.

"I THINK THAT BOTH SIDES WANT AN AGREEMENT," HAK TOLD NEWSMEN WHILE FLYING FROM TEL AVIV TO ASWAN. "THAT SEEMS CLEAR TO ME AND BOTH SIDES ARE WORKING SERIOUSLY ON AGREEMENT. WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO MATCH REQUIREMENTS OF TWO SIDES, THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN."

HAK ALSO EXPRESSED OPTIMISM BEFORE LEAVING JERUSALEM WEDNESDAY MORNING. HE SAID, "NOTHING HAS CHANGED" HIS ESTIMATE OF CHANCES FOR NEGOTIATING A NEW AGREEMENT, AND HE SAID TUESDAY HIS ESTIMATE WAS THAT AGREEMENT WAS POSSIBLE.

HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT "I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO ESTIMATE OF HOW LONG IT COULD TAKE" TO NEGOTIATE THE AGREEMENT.

A SENIOR OFFICIAL ABOARD HAK'S PLANE SAID SECRETARY WOULD HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF HOW LONG HE WILL BE IN THE ME THIS TIME FOLLOWING HIS NEXT ROUND OF TALKS IN ISRAEL. HOWEVER, HE ADDED HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD TAKE AS LONG AS THE 33-DAY SHUTTLE THAT PRODUCED ISRAELI-SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT OF LAST MAY....

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...EGYPTIAN GOVT SOURCES SAID WEDNESDAY NIGHT EGYPT HAD OFFERED THIS SERIES OF CONCESSIONS TO ISRAEL:

- AN IMMEDIATE REOPENING OF SUEZ CANAL AS WELL AS PERMISSION TO LET SHIPS BOUND FOR ISRAEL TO TRANSIT WATERWAY PROVIDED THEY DO NOT SAIL UNDER ISRAELI FLAG.

- BEGINNING OF RECONSTRUCTION IN AREAS OF SINAI RECAP-
TURED BY EGYPT DURING OCTOBER 1973, ME WAR AS A SIGN THAT
EGYPT IS GEARING FOR PEACE, NOT WAR.

- DEMILITARIZATION OF MOST OR ALL OF TERRITORY ISRAEL
GIVES UP IN ANY FURTHER WITHDRAWAL.

ISRAEL HAS SAID THIS IS NOT ENOUGH. EGYPT HAS INDICATED
IT IS ALL IT CAN GIVE. BOTH SIDES ARE LIMITED IN WHAT
THEY CAN TAKE AND GIVE.

ISRAELI GOVT SOURCES SAID WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN JERUSALEM THAT
ISRAEL IS NOT SATISFIED WITH EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS. THEY SAID
THEY WERE TOO ONE-SIDED BUT ALTHOUGH GAP REMAINS WIDE
ISRAEL IS "SLIGHTLY CLEARER NOW WHERE THE GAP IS AND
JUST WHAT IT IS." ...

...ISRAELI SOURCES SAID THERE PROBABLY WOULD BE AT LEAST
ANOTHER TWO WEEKS OF SHUTTling BEFORE THERE IS ANY AGREE-
MENT, AND IT WAS DOUBTED HAK COULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON
BEFORE APRIL 1. RIGHT NOW THEY SAY THERE IS NOTHING NEW
ENOUGH FOR ISRAELI CABINET TO MAKE ANY NEW DECISIONS ON
FORMAL PROPOSALS.

2. AP, ASWAN: HAK IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT
AFFIRMATION BY EGYPT AND ISRAEL THAT NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES
SHOULD NOT SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES BY ACT OF WAR, U.S.
OFFICIALS SAID TODAY.

THIS SORT OF A GENERAL STATEMENT IS BEING VIEWED AS ONE WAY
OUT OF AN IMPASSE OVER EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT'S RELUC-
TANCE TO GRANT ISRAEL'S DEMAND FOR A PLEDGE OF NON-BELLI-
GERENCY, NEWSMEN WERE TOLD AS HAK SHUTTLED HERE FROM
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JERUSALEM.

PUBLICLY, ALL HAK WOULD SAY WAS THAT HE THOUGHT "BOTH SIDES
WANT AN AGREEMENT AND BOTH SIDES ARE WORKING SERIOUSLY
TOWARD IT.

"WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO MATCH REQUIREMENTS OF TWO SIDES
REMAINS TO BE SEEN."

SADAT SAID LAST WEEK THAT HE WAS NOT ABOUT TO SIGN A
PLEDGE OF NON-BELLIGERENCY WHILE ONE ISRAELI SOLDIER
OCCUPIED EGYPTIAN LAND.

"THIS WOULD BE AN INVITATION TO STAY ON MY LAND AND I AM
NOT GOING TO EXTEND IT," HE SAID.

WHEN HAK SHUTTLED BACK TO JERUSALEM, HOWEVER, ISRAELI OFFICIALS TOLD HIM THAT WITHOUT CONCRETE MOVES TO END STATE OF BELLIGERENCY THERE COULD BE NO WITHDRAWAL FROM STRATEGIC GIDDI AND MITLA MT. PASSES OR FROM ABU RUDEIS OILFIELDS IN SOUTHERN SINAI.

LATER, ABOARD HAK'S JET, A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGED ONE OPTION UNDER CONSIDERATION WAS HAVING EGYPT AND ISRAEL SIGN A GENERAL STATEMENT THAT WAR IS NOT SOLUTION TO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NATIONS.

FYI: TO DATE, HEARST PAPERS DELIVERED SPORADICALLY CARRY ONLY AP AND UPI COPY. LATIMES AND WASHPOST TODAY CARRIED WIRE COPY ANKARA.

LATE ADD TO AP ASWAN STORY -- "HAK AND SADAT MET FOR 1 1/2 HOURS TODAY AND THEN FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS WITH TOP AIDES -- U.S. AMBASSADOR EILTS AND UNDER SECY SISCO ON THE U.S. SIDE AND FM FAHMY AND WAR MINISTER GAMASY ON THE EGYPTIAN SIDE. 'THEY HAD VERY GOOD TALKS,' SAID ROBERT ANDERSON, THE U.S. SPOKESMAN. 'THEY REVIEWED ALL THE ELEMENTS OF A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT AND THEY DISCUSSED, AS YOU WOULD EXPECT, SERIOUS COMPLICATED SUBJECTS. THERE IS STILL MORE WORK TO BE DONE.' WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN TAHSIN BASHIR AT HIS SIDE, ANDERSON WENT UNCLASSIFIED

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ON TO SAY, 'BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY CONTINUE TO BE HOPEFUL.'

TV:

NBC-TV NIGHTLY NEWS -- CHANCELLOR: "KISSINGER MET TODAY WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT. THE SUBJECT OF THE TALK WAS THE ANSWER THE ISRAELIS HAVE GIVEN TO SADAT'S MOST RECENT PROPOSALS ON A SINAI SETTLEMENT, BUT NEITHER KISSINGER NOR SADAT HAD ANY COMMENT TODAY."

NOTHING ON HAK SHUTTLE CARRIED ON ABC OR CBS.

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